

HO-31
SPRING HILL/SPRING HILL QUARTERS
Ellicott City
Private

Circa 1804
Circa 1798

The land on which Spring Hill stands was originally a tract patented in 1695 to Samuel Chew as "Chew's Resolution Manor" which came into the hands of Caleb Dorsey in 1718. Spring Hill was the gift of Caleb Dorsey, of Belmont, to his daughter Rebecca who married Charles Ridgely, the builder of "Hampton" near Towson, Maryland. It was part of a tract known as "Rebecca's Lot".

This fine brick house (laid in English garden wall brick bond), three bays wide and two bays deep is two and a half stories high and has a gable roof and wide brick chimneys set into its north and south walls. A one story semi enclosed porch runs along its south wall while numerous additions spread northward connecting with one another of both brick and frame construction. Despite these enlargements Spring Hill retains its charm and original integrity as well as its wood glen setting.

North of the main house and under separate ownership lies Spring Hill Quarters, occupied in 1798 by Edward Hill Dorsey and used to house the workers on the property. Presently owned by Mr. & Mrs. William Filbert it features beamed ceilings, small, deeply cut window openings and an oriel window addition.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Spring Hill				
AND/OR HISTORIC: 4659 Montgomery Road				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 4659 Montgomery Road (MD 103)				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City,				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. W. Red Roth				
STREET AND NUMBER: 4659 Montgomery Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland		21043
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records				
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 31				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS Parcel 8, 619-237				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historic Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis,		STATE: Maryland		21401

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two square brick pillars capped with cement blocks located at 4659 Montgomery Road hold wrought iron gates at the entrance to an avenue of mature trees which leads to the house which faces east.

The south wing of the house is a three bay wide, two bay deep 2½ story gabled roof brick house (laid in English garden wall brick bond).

The double-hung windows on the west facade are decorated with splayed brick flat arched lintels and holds 12-over-12 lites. All fenestration is proportionally scaled. A chimney is set into the north and south walls of this wing, in all probability the original structure.

Six wooden steps lead to an open shed roofed porch running the length of the west wall supported by five doric columns. The entrance on the south bay is rectangular and decorated with a splayed brick flat arched lintel. The south side of the porch is enclosed.

Two double-hung windows are inset into the south wall formed by the gable roof and hold six-over-three lites decorated with stretcher brick flat arched lintels.

Two lite transoms surmount french doors holding 10-10 lites which enter the porch on the west and are flanked by 10 lite windows surmounted by two lite transoms. The south side of the porch holds three tripartite windows, all holding ten lites surmounted by two lite transoms and divided by square pillars.

The east elevation holds three 2nd floor double hung windows with 12-over-8 lites decorated with splayed brick flat arched lintels.

Four brick steps lead to three oval brick steps which in turn lead to a flat roofed portico in the south bay, supported by doric columns and pilasters and crowned by a cornice. The entrance door is surmounted by a four lite transom. Two first floor double-hung windows rest north with 12-over 12 lites.

A one bay wide early brick addition of two and a half stories rests on the north wall. Its east first and second floor windows hold 12-over-8 lites. A third floor window has a flat wooden sill and holds 4 lites. A two bay wide shingled frame addition lies on the north wall of the brick addition. It holds double-hung windows with six-over-six lites and a chimney on the north wall. Its west elevation holds a first floor entrance on the south bay and a double-hung window with six-over-six lites on its north bay.

A second floor tri partite window is centered into the west wall of this addition, each window holding six-over-six lites.

A further shingled addition lies north of this, its gabled roof running north-south as all the previous additions but a bit lower in height though it contains two full stories, and holds a double-hung west first and second floor window with six-over-six lites, decorated with shutters.

The east facade of this addition has a north chimney. On the east wall of this gabled addition is a small enclosed two

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1804

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasophy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Spring Hill is significant architecturally and historically.

Architecturally it is representative of the fine old brick homes which dot the Howard County countryside and go back to the Ridgelys and Dorseys who helped develop the industry and agriculture of the region. Built in 1804 as a summer home, its interior has little changed with its mantles, stairway and old kitchen of rare charm dating back to 1787 when it was a log hunting lodge.

Part of a tract known as "Rebecca's Lot", Spring Hill was the gift of Caleb Dorsey, of Belmont, to his daughter Rebecca, who married Charles Ridgely, the builder of "Hampton". Originally this tract of land stood on "Chew's Resolution Manor", originally patented in 1695 to Samuel Chew but which early came into the possession of Caleb Dorsey of "Hockley" in 1718.

Further north a small stone house which served as a Slave Stockade stands. It is probably the "stone dwelling 30 feet square two stories" occupied in 1798 by Edward Hill Dorsey, and mentioned in a tax list of this year.

It has access from New Cut Road and later served as a carriage house for Spring Hill. An earthen floor and wooden cells remained until 1914, when it was converted to a tenant cottage. The beamed ceilings and small window openings with two feet deep sills are noteworthy. At one time owned by Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Shaw and now owned by Mr. & Mrs. William Filbert it serves as a charming residence.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Information in a pamphlet for the House Tour for the Benefit of the Endowment Fund of the Glenelg Country School, Howard County, Maryland, April 27, 1955. (Mimeographed)

Howard County Historical Society, Howard County, In the Heart of Maryland, 1960 #31. (Map & Historical Information)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

See Tax Map 31 :
Parcel 8 619-237
4.8432 A
p. 1 6.60
p. 2 11.4432 Acres

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Thompson, Archivist		DATE
ORGANIZATION Office of Planning & Zoning/Comprehensive Section		
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Court House Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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bay wide wooden shed roofed addition. A window is located in the south bay with six-over-six lites with a three lite transom which may have been a door originally.

The present door is on the north bay. A latticed open porch with flat roof and wooden floor is located east. Still north of this building complex is an additional one bay, one and a half story high, two bay deep gabled roof room. The gabled^{roof} runs east-west and has a chimney on its west wall which holds two second floor six-lite windows on either side of the brick chimney.

North of this is a one story frame structure with gabled roof running north-south intersecting e-w gable. A rectangular window on west bay holds an air conditioner and a square window is located in the east bay. A 15 lite entrance door is on the east. A one story hip-roofed addition sits in the intersection of the last two north additions with a square north window and a paneled east door.

This building complex composed of some five additions is located on a hill surrounded by mature trees and shrubs. A brick pathway runs along the east elevation lined with box-wood.

Spring Hill Quarters

Owner: William C. Filbert
4614 New Cut Road
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Acreage: 7.230 Acres
Please see Tax Map 31
Block 1, p. 9, 279-502

Spring Hill Quarters is a three bay wide, four bay deep stone building which was used as a slave quarters in the early seventeen hundreds.

Its gabled roof runs north-south with brick chimney inset into the north wall. A central rectangular entrance is located on the south wall flanked by four-lite casement windows and covered with a gabled roof supported by scrolled brackets. Two double-hung second floor windows lie above with six-over-six lites and a similar third story window centered into the gable.

The north elevation holds a west bay rectangular entrance with eight lites and a first floor east bay double-hung window with six-over-six lites. Two similar second floor windows lie above while two four-lite casement windows lie on each side of the brick chimney.

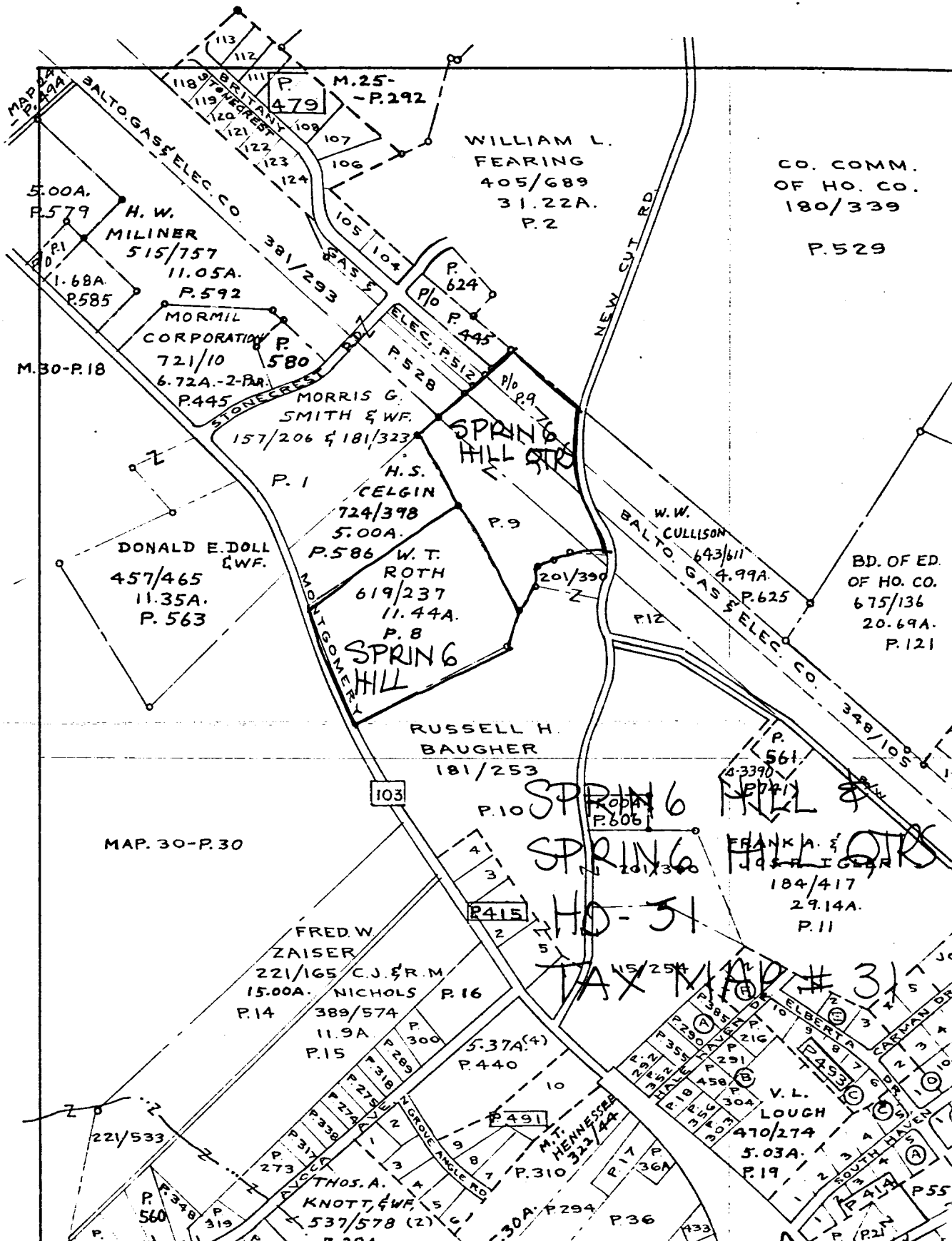
An oriel window with three rectangular windows is located in the central bay of the east elevation. Four lite casement windows with shutters lie on each side while a second floor four lite window lies above with a rectangular double-hung window lying on each side holding six-over-six lites and six-over-one lites.

The most interesting elevation lies on the west with four first floor four lite square casement windows decorated with granite keystones with two double-hung second floor windows lying above holding six-over-six lites. A brick chimney rises from the middle of the west wall between two gabled dormer windows.

An addition is in the process of being built on the north wall of the house.

Barns lie west and north of the quarters while a shingled tent roofed stone spring house lies east with a batton wood door on its south wall.

The quarters is in excellent condition and used as a charming home for Mr. & Mrs. Filbert.





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